

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, second full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

The present invention relates to a print bonding apparatus, an automatic bookbinding apparatus and an image forming apparatus and in particular, to a print bonding apparatus and an automatic bookbinding apparatus capable of bookbinding ~~on-demand~~ on-demand various photograph collections such as commemorative albums, and an image forming apparatus appropriately used for supplying photographic prints to the print bonding apparatus.

Page 5, first full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

A third aspect of the invention is to provide a print bonding apparatus, wherein the distributing device distributes the photographic prints in left and right directions orthogonal to a direction in which the photographic prints have been delivered by the image forming apparatus; the print transfer unit ~~is~~ has vertical transfer belts for transferring the two photographic prints distributed by the distributing device in a condition in which the two photographic prints are in a vertical state and in which the bottom surfaces of the photographic prints are opposed to each other; and the bonding unit ~~is~~ has bonding rollers that make the end edges of the two photographic prints, which have been transferred by the vertical transfer belt, abut against each other, sandwich the two photographic prints and transfer the two photographic prints to bond them together.

Page 7, second full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

For the belt mounting unit, any method can be employed, provided that the method is a back-binding method of the type normally used in bookbinding. Specifically, the belt mounting unit mounts a belt on the ~~backs-back~~ of a stack of double-sided sheets, whose remaining sides have been aligned by the side aligning unit, and then binds the backs.

Page 16, fourth full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

The photographic prints Pr1 held by the conveyor surface of the vertical conveyor 40D, as shown in Fig. 7, are transferred on the vertical conveyor 40D in the direction of the print transfer section 46. Then, in the print transfer section 46, the photographic print prints Pr1 are held between the main conveyor 46A and the sub-conveyor 46B with the images facing the main conveyor 46A, and the photographic prints ~~Pr1~~Pr1 are transferred in the direction of the bonding rollers 42.

Page 19, fourth paragraph, spanning pages 19 and 20, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

As described above, invention provides a print bonding apparatus and an automatic bookbinding apparatus capable of easily book-binding ~~on-demand~~ on-demand a photograph collection such as a commemorative album, which needs to be of high quality, and an image forming apparatus appropriately used for supplying photographic prints to the print bonding apparatus.